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In re application of:

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
ENCRYPTION AND DECRYPTION IN  
REMOTE DATA STORAGE SYSTEMS

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